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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING CONTACT HOLES BETWEEN  
ADJACENT CONDUCTOR PATTERNS AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE  
SAME**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, Applicant amends the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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